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EDITORIAL

Ever-victorious Is the Revolutionary Cause of Our People under the Wise Guidance of the Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

Our people under the wise guidance of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the genius of revolution and a great thinker and theoretician, have radically transformed the society and the nature and remoulded themselves in a historically very short span of time. Through this epochal change they came to live in an era of the great national prosperity the like of which is hardly to be seen before.

Our country, which was a colony of Japanese imperialism 30 years ago, has now been turned into a mighty socialist country with full political sovereignty, powerful independent national economy, impregnable defence capacities and splendid national culture.

Our people are a dignified people. They are masters of state power and means of production and substantially enjoy material and cultural life in affluence, granted genuine political freedoms and rights, under the most excellent socialist system without exploitation and oppression.

The prosperity of our country and the happy life of our people are an outcome of the wise guidance of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and a resplendent fruition of his great Juche idea.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and people, was born into the most patriotic and revolutionary family. He has devoted his all for the freedom and happiness of our people and for the victory of the cause of socialism and communism up to date for half a century ever since he embarked on the road of the revolution in his early years. In this course he has performed great, brilliant exploits for the Korean revolution and the world revolution.

The great leader originated the immortal Juche idea in his early years when he came forward in the van of the Korean revolution. With the radiant rays of that idea, he clearly showed the course to be followed by the times and the revolution and led the Korean revolution undeviatingly to victory, treading the untrodden path. He won the cause of liberation of the nation and its prosperity in a single generation and greatly exalted the prestige of Korea and promoted its glory.

During the darkest period of Japanese imperialist rule the great revolutionary leader Comrade Kim Il Sung organized and led the heroic anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle to shining victory, holding high the banner of the undying Juche idea and the banner of fatherland restoration. By doing so, he delivered our nation from the life-and-death crisis and created the glorious revolutionary traditions, the historic root of our revolution and the most priceless, revolutionary assets to be carried forward steadfastly by our Party and people.

After liberation, on the basis of the brilliant revolutionary traditions he personally established in the years of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, the leader founded a most revolutionary, militant Marxist-Leninist Party and a powerful state of the workers and peasants which are guided only by the Juche idea. And he gave correct guidance to the whole of the proletarian dictatorship system and thus ensured the victory of the people's democratic revolution and ushered in a new historic era of socialism and communism in this land.

In the days of our people's great Fatherland Liberation War he inflicted for the first time in history an ignominious defeat, with his Juche-oriented strategy and tactics and gifted ability of command, upon the US imperialist aggressors who were boasting of "the strongest" in the world. Thus he safeguarded the freedom and independence of the country with honour and brought about the beginning of downhill turn for US imperialism.

After the war, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, holding higher than ever the banner of Juche, the banner of self-reliance, shattered to smithereens the incessant, subversive acts of the enemies within and without and led the socialist revolution and socialist construction straight to victory. In this way he set up the advanced socialist system and built a rich, strong socialist industrial state in this land.

While pushing ahead successfully with the revolution and construction in the northern half of the Republic, Comrade Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation, mapped out the preeminent strategy and tactics for the south Korean revolution and national reunification and roused the people in the north and south of Korea powerfully to the struggle to put them into practice. He is working hard to hasten the independent, peaceful reunification of the country and a nation-wide victory of the Korean revolution.

Throughout all the years of his revolutionary activities the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist and working-class movements, has always been faithful to the national and international tasks of the revolution. Through his superb, theoretical and practical activities he has made signal contributions to the development of the international communist movement and the world revolution and to the development and strengthening of the national-liberation revolution in colonies and the anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle which have been carried on on a world-wide scale.

What stands out most prominently in his glorious and brilliant revolutionary activities and his undying revolutionary exploits is that he fathered the great Juche idea—fundamental guiding principle in the revolution and construction.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has taught:

"In a nutshell, the idea of Juche means that the masters of the revolution and construction are the masses of the people and that they are also the motive force of the revolution and construction. In other words, it is an idea that one is responsible for one's own destiny and that one has also the capacity for hewing out one's own destiny." ("On Some Problems of Our Party's Juche Idea and the Government of the Republic's Internal and External Policies", Eng. ed., p.1.)

"The basis of the Juche idea is that man is the master of all things and decides everything." (*Ibid.*, p. 12.)

The Juche idea teaches us that the masses of the people, who are the masters of the revolution and construction and are directly in charge of them, should hew out their own destiny, taking it firmly in their hands.

The leader initiated the Juche idea based on a principle that man is the master of all things and decides everything. By doing this, he newly expounded the stand, viewpoint and method to be taken by the popular masses, the masters of the revolution and construction, and laid down the firm ideological and theoretical basis on which the Party of the working class should firmly rely in shaping its lines and policies and adopting its strategy and tactics.

The great Juche idea enabled the working class and the masses of the people to safeguard their rights and fulfil all their duties as the masters responsible for the revolution of their country. It also gave them a powerful, ideological and theoretical weapon with which to maintain the independent stand and achieve national liberation, class emancipation and human liberation.

Indeed, the creation of the Juche idea by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is a great event that ushered in a new era of national-liberation and communist movements in our country, a new era of revolutionary struggle in which the exploited and oppressed people are carving out their future with their own strength.

Basing himself on the great Juche idea, the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung gave an all-round exposition of all the new problems raised by the revolutionary practice in our times.

He codified as an integral whole the revolutionary thoughts and theories and strategy and tactics of our times which are applicable to the different stages of revolutionary development—national-liberation revolution, democratic revolution and socialist revolution and socialist construction—and which cover all fields of the revolution and construction—politics, the economy, culture and military and external affairs.

By applying the Juche idea, he created the revolutionary theory that leads the people in colonies and dependent countries to attain their national and class liberation and go over to socialism. At the same time, he showed in a scientific way the whole course of the struggle for the complete victory of socialism and its final triumph as well as the revolutionary tasks, ways and means of covering that course. By doing this, he uniquely systematized in an all-round way theories on the building of socialism and communism. Particular mention should be made of the fact that he put forward a great conception as to capturing the two fortresses on the way to communism and advanced a clear-cut, unique line of giving top priority to the capturing of the ideological fortress—the remoulding of people.

This resulted in finding a brilliant solution to the important problem decisive of the future building of communism.

He developed and enriched the Marxist-Leninist theory of the Party in all aspects and firmly established a well-coordinated system of theories on Party building, Party work and Party leadership.

Moreover, he developed and enriched as a whole the theories of Marxist-Leninist social science on the basis of the Juche idea. Especially, he creatively advanced socialist political economy based on the mass line as well as socialist pedagogy.

The great revolutionary leader Comrade Kim Il Sung made clear the laws governing the development of the world revolution and gave unique answers to all the theoretical, strategic and tactical questions related to the world revolution in our age such as its basic strategy, the correlation between the revolution in an individual country and the world revolution, the question of unity and cohesion of the international communist movement and the problem of international strategy and tactics of the anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle. And his answers were based on the Juche idea.

His revolutionary thoughts with the Juche idea at the core clearly show the fundamental principles of revolution, and constitute a great, encyclopedic thought that crystallizes the deep-going conceptions and theories applicable to all stages and all domains of the revolution and construction and to all realms of social thought. They provide us with an all-conquering weapon, ideological, theoretical and practical.

The great Juche idea struck firm root in our country and yielded abundant fruit. This exalted the prestige of Korea boundlessly.

The revolutionary idea, the Juche idea, of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has been disseminated in all the continents across oceans and increasing its influence on all changes that are taking place on the international arena. This is because it correctly reflects the laws governing the revolutionary development and the revolutionary aspiration of the people in our times.

Really, the history of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung's revolutionary activities is one adorned with his energetic ideological and theoretical activities that raised Marxism-Leninism on to a new higher plane, and made immortal contribution to the history of human thought. It is a splendid history in which he achieved invaluable, ideological and theoretical wealth.

The great revolutionary ideas, superb revolutionary theories, penetrating insight and scientific foresight, unshakable fidelity to revolutionary principles and unyielding will, perfect ability of organization and revolutionary zeal, extraordinary revolutionary sweep and unusual capacity of leadership—all these are in the possession of the leader.

Thanks to his wise leadership the Korean revolution could advance dynamically along a straight road to victory, getting over difficulties and trials.

In the whole course of his guidance of the Korean revolution, the leader maintained the firm stand of Juche—to map out the revolutionary lines and fighting policies in conformity with the actual circumstances of our country and the interests of our revolution on the basis of a scientific analysis of the subjective and objective conditions and his own conviction and judge-

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Mangyongdae

Mangyongdae, the cradle of the Korean revolution and the spiritual birthplace of our people!

It is a historic place, whence brilliant rays of glory radiate all over the world! So it attracts thousands upon thousands of people

It is well known for its scenic beauty. Our forefathers named it Mangyongdae (All-seeing Place) because of the bird's-eye view it gave of the exquisite landscape.

The quietly flowing Taedong-gang River skirts the foot of the Mangyongbong Hill, covered with ever-green pines. Every spring the neat village is wrapped in a sea of flowers. Beyond, the picturesque fields and hills can be seen.

But, never before in the history of this country has its beauty been admired by all the people as now. Never before has it radiated so great hopes as today.

Looking back, we find the past history of this land a most tragic story.

In the wake of the intrusion of US imperialist pirates came the creeping encroachment of Western capitalist countries. Then followed the occupation of Korea by the crafty and nefarious Japanese imperialists. Thus was the whole country reduced to a horrible prison. Seeing the country on the decline, Mangyongdae was seething with anger.

The green pines on the Mangyong-bong Hill were struck with rigors of snow and frost. The crystal-clear Taedong-gang River was dyed with blood shed by our fellow countrymen bemoaning the ill fate of their fatherland.

But, in those days of national suffering Mangyongdae was not just lamenting in bitter grief over the tragic fate of the nation.

A new era of revolution cursing a horde of aggressors was now dawning on Mangyongdae, the historic place permeated with the patriotic spirit.

April 15, 1912! This day recorded a glorious page in history.

On this very day Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the people and the red sun of the revolution, was born in a low straw-thatched house at the foot of Mangyong-bong Hill.

The birth of the great leader! It was an auspicious event of the nation and a great happiness of the people, the revolutionary event which shed its brilliance on this land where the dark clouds were hovering over. It meant the burgeoning of a new Korea. It was the harbinger of a new era.

Mangyongdae is a land of glory replete with the history of the glorious and brilliant revolutionary activities of the great leader of the people Comrade Kim Il Sung, the history bringing an end to the protracted oppression and darkness in this country and the history which holds the highest place in the history of mankind covering the periods of many centuries!

Mangyongdae, at whose name our people draw courage and strength, shows the way ahead of us in our struggle.

That is why the revolutionary friends of the world, not to speak of our people, pay highest tribute to this land of glory Mangyongdae in which the sun of the revolution rose.

Indeed, Mangyongdae, a land closely associated with the revolution, is dear and near to us, and our hearts swell with great pride for it. It will shed undiminished light all over the land for thousands of years to come.

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There stands in Mangyongdae a straw-thatched house where the red sun of the revolution rose, where the firm roots of the Korean revolution were laid and where the breath of the resourceful, patriotic spirit of the revolutionary family is still to be heard. This house, with its nobility and beauty, is admired by all the people.

The straw-thatched house, therefore, is dear to the hearts of all people though it is one of ordinary houses which were to be seen anywhere in our country in the past.

The straw-thatched house in historic Mangyongdae!

A whole century has passed since the green pines on the Mangyong-bong Hill began to writhe with anger, heaping curses upon the invaders.

It is a historic house where the ardent patriots and the indomitable revolutionary fighters were born and grew up, who for generations devoted themselves absolutely to the national independence and the restoration of the lost country. The agreeable smell of April breeze embalms the air carrying many wonderful stories related to this house.

Great-grandfather who fought fearlessly in the forefront of the people to sink the US pirate ship "General Sherman" when it intruded into the Taedong-gang River and grandfather Kim Bo Hyon, and grandmother Li Bo Ik, who brought up their sons and grandsons to be great revolutionaries never submitting to the harsh repression and persecution of the Japanese imperialists. What feelings their exploits and achievements evoke!

Kim Hyong Jik and Mother Kang Ban Sok who dedicated their lives to the revolutionary struggle for the restoration of the lost country and who brought up their son to become the great leader of the people.

Comrade Kim Hyong Gwon, Comrade Kim Il Sung's uncle, and Comrade Kim Chol Ju, his younger brother, who died a heroic death in the sacred war for national liberation, for the achievement of the lofty aim of the great leader.

Human history has never known such a patriotic and revolutionary family as this family who, through successive generations, fought resolutely for the independence of the country and freedom and liberation of the people.

As the sun rises in the east so the red sun of the revolution could rise in Mangyongdae where the revolutionary family had lived.

Mangyongdae is the cradle of the revolution!

It is where the great revolutionary leader Comrade Kim Il Sung spent his childhood receiving patriotic education from his parents and nurtured the great ambition for the revolution, feeling deeply the sufferings of the country and the people under the jackboots of the Japanese imperialists.

The land of revolution Mangyongdae served as the harbinger of the Korean revolution.

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The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"I crossed the Amnok-gang River when I was 13, firmly determined not to return until Korea became independent."

With a great aim for national liberation, he left the straw-thatched house bidding farewell to his dear native village, Mangyongdae. This meant that he began to step out onto the glorious yet intense battlefield of revolution.

The pledge he made on this very day was a verdict of history sentencing Japanese imperialism to inevitable doom. It was his strong determination with which to bring a hopeful, everlasting spring to this land.

The day when the leader left his native house cherishing the great will of his parents and a burning desire to restore the lost country, marked the dawn of an epoch, a new era of revolution. From there stretched out the road of Marxism-Leninism of our age, the great road of Juche.

He now embarked on the glorious road of revolution. In October 1926 he planted on the land of Huatien the red banner of the Down-with-Imperialism Union, the first Korean revolutionary youth organization guided by Marxism-Leninism and in the summer of 1930 in Chialun, he advanced the revolutionary line, lifting up the great banner of Juche, thus showing the way to be followed by the Korean revolution.

In accordance with the line laid down at the historic meeting at Chialun General Kim Il Sung, the hero unrivalled through all ages, raised the banner of the anti-Japanese armed struggle in Antu county on April 25, 1932. This opened a new era in the national-liberation movement in colonies.

He fathered the immortal Juche idea when still young and then fought one bloody battle after another, traversing the untrodden, thorny yet glorious revolutionary path of many miles!

The path he took was the road straightly leading to socialism and communism, a long-cherished desire of mankind.

The great road of the revolution he took since he left his straw house when the day broke over the Mangyong-bong Hill was always linked to the road leading to his native home in Mangyongdae.

Ever-present in his mind was Mangyongdae throughout the whole period of the arduous anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle. He did not forget it even at the time when he was pulling through severe ordeals or was on the march across the areas of wilderness, fighting bloody battles. Around campfires, he used to tell the men of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army about the beautiful Mangyongdae so as to make them form a picture of a liberated homeland.

When the KPRA men were forcing through the waist-deep snow, Mangyongdae, the cradle of the revolution, warmed up their hearts and inspired them with unabating courage. It was a symbol of their beloved motherland, which urged them to win the fierce battles fought on their way of advance to the homeland and roused them to the glorious struggle.

Carefully conserved in Mangyongdae are many things and places which now bring back to the minds of visitors the stirring events that took place in the childhood of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung—the hill along the Taedong-gang River where he climbed up with his father and received the patriotic education from him, the "study-site" where he was intent on learning and outlining a plan for a future liberation of the country and its everlasting prosperity, the "warship rock" where he tried to acquire the wisdom of the future military strategist and the "swing-site" where he felt the deep affection of his mother.

Even a tree and blade of grass in Mangyongdae are laden with the revolutionary spirit. There happened many events unforgettable to the leader and there struck the glorious root of the Korean revolution.

Indeed, Mangyongdae symbolizes Korea's stamina that can never be daunted by whatever ordeal! This stamina was fully displayed by the KPRA men when they were advancing to the homeland through a forest of the enemy's bayonets and it was infused into the minds of the Korean people who rose in struggle against Japanese imperialism, looking up to General Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation.

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General Kim Il Sung is the lodestar of liberation! Out of the 15-year anti-Japanese armed struggle he waged treading the thorny path of the revolution came the spring of the people, a recovered fatherland.

Korea was liberated. All the people gave themselves up to the tumult of deep emotion and joy. Days flew by. His grandparents at Mangyongdae were eagerly looking forward to the day of reunion with their grandson. One of those days witnessed a momentous occasion that would move our people to tears.

One day the leader drove with his adjutant towards the Kangson Steel Plant. When the car came to the parting of roads to Kangson and Mangyongdae which was within a calling distance—the native village he had longed for in the long years of the struggle for the country's restoration—he told the driver to pull up, and got out. Pointing to the direction of Mangyongdae, he said to his adjutant: "Mangyongdae is over there... It is my native village I gaze on now after 20 years..." Leaving these words behind him, he slowly got back into the car and drove off to meet the workers of Kangson.

Many a day passed since his triumphant return. But the great leader was not inclined to visit his dear native village, Mangyongdae, until he gave the first greeting to the liberated people.

He did not want to spend time on his own personal affairs when there were too many tasks to be done. With little time to break the fatigue of the long-drawn armed struggle against Japanese imperialism he immediately buckled down to the work to carry into effect the great programme for building a new country, a land of bliss for the people, and laying out a flower garden of Juche.

He is the great leader of the people indeed! He is the man who was born just for the service to the people; he is always occupied in thinking of how to bring the welfare to the people and devotes everything to the accomplishment of his noble revolutionary idea.

The day on which he gave his first greeting to the people after his triumphant return, he spared time to visit his native place, Mangyongdae, that had suffered from brutal persecution at the hands of the Japanese imperialist army and police. That Mangyongdae was now a hill of bubbling joy and excitement.

"Oh, you're back at last. Am I dreaming or waking?"

His grey-haired grandmother burst into tears, flinging herself into her grandson's arms.

"...But, why have you come alone? Where have you left your father and mother?... They should have come with you!..."

How heartrending and touching these words were! What a moving reunion it was!

The fatherly leader Comrade Kim Il Sung who materialized the great, immortal Juche idea, turned our liberated country into a land of veritable paradise and developed it into a powerful socialist country independent in politics, self-supporting in the economy and self-defensive in national defense, a country which evokes a world-wide admiration!

It is thanks to him that our country has succeeded in accomplishing industrialization. It is thanks to him that our countryside has become a modern socialist one where the communist method of farming has been introduced. And it is also thanks to him that our science, education, culture and art are now in their heyday.

So our first thought goes to Mangyongdae, the cradle of the revolution where he was born and fostered the great ambition for the revolution, whenever we speak of these wonderful changes in the northern half of the Republic, whenever we think of the immortal Juche idea, the great Marxism-Leninism of our time, which sheds light all over the world like the sunrays and whenever we speak of the lofty virtues of the fatherly leader Comrade Kim Il Sung who always looks after our life with the gentle affection of a real father and enables all of us to enjoy happiness to the full with complete peace of mind under the most excellent socialist system free from exploitation of man by man, from oppression and free from all kinds of taxes.

Mangyongdae is the land of glory where the Korean revolution struck root and where the new history of Korea was opened!

From this root all the trees of this country spread their branches to rich foliage and fruit.

Blissful Mangyongdae is so dear and near to the hearts of all the Koreans, whether they are in the northern half of the Republic or in the southern half now under the US imperialist occupation. It is dear to the hearts of 600,000 fellow countrymen in Japan.

The south Korean people are singing:

Mangyongdae, a hill of hope,
How attractive you are!
The ceasefire line bars us from visiting you.
But you are always enshrined in our hearts,
And gives us confidence.
On the day of reunification
All the people in the south will visit you
To lay a basket of flowers in token of the everlasting loyalty!

Mangyongdae, the spiritual birthplace of the Korean people, is likewise loved by many foreign friends!

Today the history of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung's glorious and brilliant revolutionary activities over a period of half a century, a history of severe and stern revolution and his great revolutionary idea, the Juche idea, are making their way with tremendous impact to all the corners of globe giving the people confidence and courage.

That is why our foreign friends see their happy life in the future in Korea where his great Juche idea has brought about happiness and prosperity, and in Mangyongdae where the Korean revolution took root; they pledge themselves to fight on with confidence. No wonder then songs of Mangyongdae are ringing out in every corner of the globe. Here is one of them:

Mangyongdae!
Your name sheds bright rays,
In your embrace the sun rises,
And the flames of revolution flare up
Wherever it shines.
Oh, you Mangyongdae,
You are the spiritual birthplace of the Korean people,
You are a beacon of hope for the fighters pulling through the storm and stress.

True, Mangyongdae is a land associated with the revolution, where the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was born, where the revolution struck root, and a land held so dear by our people and the revolutionary people the world over. So it will shine with its everlasting brilliance so long as human history continues!

Kwak Chun Man

Mangyongdae, the spiritual birthplace of our people, where the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was born

THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA THRIVING UNDER THE RAYS OF THE JUCHE IDEA

Our Powerful Independent Economy

The great revolutionary leader Comrade Kim Il Sung set forth the unique line of building an independent national economy and wisely led our people to build an economy diversified in its development and equipped with the latest technology by their own efforts and with their own technique in the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance.

As a result, our country has a powerful and fully independent national economy which can develop on a sound footing, not affected in the least by whatever world-wide economic fluctuation.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung pointed out:

"The economy in our country is quite able to grow on its own in scope and strength and, moreover, has the foundation for more rapid development in the future."

A solid centre of heavy industry has been built in our country, once a backward colonial agrarian country.

In the past period, extensive work was carried out to readjust and replenish the key branches of heavy industry and expand and consolidate its bases. Consequently, our heavy industry became fully equipped, with its own powerful machine-building industry at the core, and its strength was increased beyond compare.

Already in 1971 our machine-building industry grew 569 times as against 1946.

It has now reached the stage of manufacturing 400-mm. boring machines, 16-metre turning lathes, 15-metre lathes and other huge machine tools, 100-ton heavy-duty lorries, 10-cubic metre excavators and 300-h.p. bulldozers and building 20,000-ton class ships. It produces complete sets of equipment for outfitting modern factories.

Our machine-building industry has so far put out great quantities of aggregate plants for large-scale modern factories and enterprises—power stations, ore-dressing plants, metallurgical works, chemical factories, etc. Last year, too, it turned out plenty of such equipments including those of the modern Kumsong Tractor Plant.

In 1973 more than 14,000 production establishments were completed and put into operation.

The construction of hydroelectric power stations has been combined correctly with that of thermal power stations, and simultaneous construction of large, modern power stations and medium- and small-scale power stations ensured. This has led to well-balanced development of our power industry. In the extractive industries, installations are being replaced with modern, large and high-speed ones and a diversified way of transport is applied. The metal industry has been equipped with perfect production processes for everything from pig iron to steel, rolled steel and goods of second-stage metal processing. The chemical industry is developing on a wide scale, with the powerful organic sector being properly combined with the inorganic sector. In short, the key branches of our heavy industry have a well-balanced infra-structure and are modernly equipped.

Thus, our heavy industry reliably guarantees the economic independence of the country and serves as a firm material basis for accelerated development of the national economy. It helps greatly towards developing our light industry and agriculture and increasing our defence capabilities.

With the strong support of heavy industry an epochal advance has also been made in light industry.

Many light industry factories, big and small, have been built in all parts of our country in accordance with the Party's policy of building medium- and small-scale local industry side by side with large-scale centrally-controlled industry in increasing the production of mass consumption goods.

In this way, there came into being textile, food-processing and daily necessities industries and all other domains of light industrial production. The bases of modern light industry became solid enough to meet with home-made products the demand of the working people for consumer goods ranging from fabrics to articles for cultural use.

All shops in our country, without exception, are well stocked with home-produced goods.

The historic tasks for construction of an independent national economy and for industrialization were accomplished creditably. This resulted in increasing the economic strength of the country and raising the level of industrial development beyond comparison.

Industry's share in the value of the total industrial and agricultural output rose from 29.8 per cent in 1946 to 75.3 per cent in 1970.

Our country caught up with the advanced industrial countries in the per capita output of major industrial products—electric power, coal, steel, chemical fertilizer, cement—and surpassed them in some items.

Under the wise guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung the tasks of overall technical revolution were carried out splendidly in all realms of the national economy.

An epoch-making change took place particularly in the rural technical revolution.

As for our agriculture, irrigation and electrification were completed. And a marked progress has been made in mechanization and chemicalization.

Last year the number of tractors for every 100 *chongbo* of cultivated land was 2-2.5 and 3-4 in the plains. A sound material basis was laid to apply more than 1 ton of chemical fertilizer per *chongbo* in terms of weight and over 200 kilogrammes in terms of ingredients.

Our countryside gathers rich, stable harvests every year, regardless of the weather, be it flood or drought. Farming is done with the help of machines and chemicals. Vegetables, meat and eggs are produced by industrial method. Ours is now an advanced socialist countryside.

The development of all branches of the national economy including powerful heavy industry, light industry and agriculture is well-balanced. This is what our independent national economy is like. So we can meet on our own the diverse demands for the building of the economy and defences and the improvement of the living standards of the people. All our people now enjoy a happy life to the full, without any worries of food, clothing and housing. Their material and cultural standards improve as days go by.

It is also thanks to the powerful independent national economy that all taxes have been abolished and the prices of manufactured goods cut down drastically even at a time when the unusually gigantic socialist construction is going on.

Today our people are the full-fledged masters of a strong socialist industrial state independent in politics, self-supporting in the economy and self-defensive in national defence and are leading a fruitful life as a prosperous nation. Never before had this happened in the history of our country.

Indeed, our people have made giant, rapid strides along the path of progress and civilization.

They admirably fulfilled the difficult and complex task of industrialization—which took capitalist countries a full century or even a few centuries—in a short time, in only 14 years, and are now carrying out the Six-Year Plan at a very fast pace.

Under the wise guidance of the leader they boosted the industrial production by 17 per cent on a yearly average during the 1970-1973 period, though it grew 20 times in scale as compared with the early days of industrialization.

They are dashing forward at a new Chollima speed, at a new Pyongyang speed, in order to further reinforce the independent national economy; they are working hard to capture all the heights of the Six-Year Plan by October 10 the following year, foreseeing that they will hit in a few years the ten major targets of economic construction to be attained in the years of the next perspective plan to scale a higher peak of socialism.

Then our country will produce 12 million tons of steel, 1 million tons of non-ferrous metal, 100 million tons of coal, 10 million tons of grain, 20 million tons of cement, 5 million tons of marine products, 5 million tons of machines and equipment, 5 million tons of chemical fertilizer and 50,000 million kwh of electric power and will reclaim 100,000 *chongbo* of tideland.

Thus, the strength of Juche Korea will be increased still more, and our people will make a new advance in their struggle for the complete victory of socialism and for the nation-wide victory of our revolution.

Pak Ju Sol

Kangson at twilight. Here the "speed-up campaign" is in full swing

Facts and Figures

* Our industrial output registered an average annual growth of 12.8 per cent during the period from 1961 to 1970, and it increased by an average of 17 per cent per annum between 1970 and 1973.

The 17 per cent growth was attained under the conditions where the production scale expanded 20 times as compared with the early period of industrialization.

* The value of our gross industrial output in 1970 was 11.6 times that of 1956 and the industrial output in 1973 rose 1.6 times above 1970.

* Last year capital construction was carried out extensively in all branches of the national economy; in the productive construction, for instance, more than 14,000 establishments were completed and put into operation.

* Above 3.5 million children in our country are well cared for at nurseries and kindergartens at state and public expenses.

Our new generation are enrolled in kindergartens, primary schools, senior middle schools and higher specialized schools where they receive education at state expense. The present enrollment is some 6 million.

The number of our technicians and specialists at the end of the Six-Year Plan will exceed one million.

* This year the real wages of the factory and office workers will grow 1.5-fold and the real income of the farmers 1.6-fold as against 1970.

* The system of free medical care has been in force and the preventive medicine has been intensified, with the resultant extension of the average life span of the people by nearly 30 years in comparison with the preliberation period.

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ment and put into practice these lines and policies.

He clearly saw through the changed situation and the requirements of the revolution at all times, put forward bold and unique fighting slogans and policies without a loss of time and pushed forward all work enterprisingly with unyielding will and staunch revolutionary sweep. He has led the revolution and construction to a continued upsurge by mobilizing the inexhaustible strength of the people.

By marching forward under the wise leadership of the leader and under the uplifted banner of his great Juche idea, our people could always attain brilliant victory in their revolutionary struggle and constructive work and took great strides along the road of progress and civilization.

The course of the leader's unremitting and energetic revolutionary activities for the victory of the Korean revolution and the prosperity of the nation and for the building of socialism and communism is permeated with his boundlessly warm affection for our people and his lofty communist virtues.

In the long years of his revolutionary struggle, the leader has always been with the people, sharing joy and sorrow with them. He has shown immensely warm love to bring them a happier life.

No place in our country is outside the reach of the benevolent care of the fatherly leader and all our people enjoy his great love and profound solicitude.

Indeed, the whole course of the revolutionary struggle of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is a course of his devoted service to the people. It is replete with immortal exploits and contributions which can be performed and made only by the outstanding leader, of the working class who possesses a great idea, an outstanding art of command and lofty moral traits.

His great exploits for the cause of the Korean and world revolutions have won him the absolute confidence and the greatest respect of the Korean people and the revolutionary peoples the world over.

Experience has brought home to the minds of our people the wise guidance of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and the invincible vitality of his Juche idea. They are aglow with a burning desire to fight on generation after generation so as to thoroughly accomplish the revolutionary cause he paved the way for, holding him in the highest esteem and loyally attending him till the end of sun and moon.

Today our country has entered the stage of an historic turn. A giant leap forward is being made in the onward movement to socialism and communism.

At the Eighth Plenary Meeting of the Fifth Party Central Committee in February last the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung put forward an epic programme of socialist construction, the programme designed to hoist triumphal banners on all the heights of the Six-Year Plan by the 30th birthday of the glorious Workers' Party of Korea, that is, by October 10, 1975 and attain the ten major goals for economic construction in the years of the next perspective plan so as to capture a higher peak of socialism, and he called the whole Party and all the people to an all-out charge for carrying the programme into practice.

His programme of the gigantic socialist construction represents a huge blueprint drawn up to increase beyond compare the might of our independent national economy with the Juche-based industry as its backbone, consolidate and develop even more our socialist system and bring about a new change in the material and cultural life of our people. It serves as a revolutionary banner upheld to make a big leap forward in the socialist construction and thus bring earlier the day of the complete victory of socialism, make our revolutionary base more impregnable politically, economically and militarily and achieve the independent, peaceful reunification of the country.

Boundlessly inspired by the bright prospects opened up by the leader, all our working people are now out to wage the struggle for the great socialist construction. The drums of revolution are booming out in every part of our country and the construction work is carried out on a more grand, larger scale than ever.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is leading the van of our revolution. That is why our people are imbued with the revolutionary optimism and conviction that they will certainly be crowned with victory in their gigantic construction struggle, too. They are finishing off one work after another boldly and ambitiously, thereby speeding up the grand Chollima advance.

Our people will successfully carry out the three revolutions, ideological, technical and cultural, and will ceaselessly effect an upsurge in all fields of socialist construction in order to hasten the complete victory of socialism and the independent, peaceful reunification of the country. In this way they will greatly contribute to the cause of world revolution.

Victory and glory are always in store for our people who are following the banner of the immortal Juche idea under the wise guidance of the great revolutionary leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Grateful Social System, Happy Life

The most advanced socialist system has been established in our country under the wise guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung who devotes all his life to the revolutionary cause for the freedom and happiness of the working people.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung stated:

"Our socialist system is the best social system under which the working masses are masters of everything and everything in society serves the working masses."

In our country, the masses of the people are masters of state power and means of production. All manner of exploitation and oppression were done away with once and for all.

Our socialist system embodies in itself the leader's great Juche idea. Under this system man is considered to be the most precious being in the world, and all the state policies are carried out for the interests and welfare of the workers, peasants and the rest of the working people.

All the working people have the right to elect and be elected, irrespective of sex, occupation, property status, education and party affiliation. They directly participate in the state administration as masters of state power. The organs of power at all levels consist of the representatives of the workers, peasants, soldiers and working intellectuals. For instance, the deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly number 541 in all, of which 347 deputies are from the workers, 72 from the peasants and 122 from the office employees.

Moreover, all the working people have the freedom of speech, the press, assembly, association and demonstration. They conduct free social and political activities as members of political parties and social organizations.

The popular masses take an active part in the discussion of state affairs and social and political activities with full political freedom and rights. All the lines and policies of the state, therefore, correctly reflect the will and desire of the people and are readily accepted by them as their own.

In the past our people were deprived of their political freedom and their human rights were trampled upon. They were socially forsaken, indeed. Now, they are the most dignified people who maintain an unshakable independent stand.

Our state is fully accountable for the material and cultural well-being of the workers, peasants and other working people.

Everyone in our country is provided with a job by the state according to their desire and aptitude. The state assumes the responsibility even for the lives of those who have lost ability of work and of the supportless old people and orphans. Today, no one roams about hunting for a job or goes around begging in our country.

The working people receive remuneration according to the quantity and quality of work done. Besides, they are given huge, additional state benefits.

The state pays 60 *chon* per kilogramme of rice to the co-operative farmers and supplies it to the factory and office workers for only 8 *chon* per kilogramme. The workers and office employees are provided with a sufficient amount of rice by the state in this way. It issues uniforms to children and students at cheap prices at the turns of season. Particular mention should be made here of the fact that the prices of children's clothes are 50 to 60 per cent smaller than the original prices and footwear and a series of other goods for children's use are priced low, the state bearing part of the production cost.

The state allots dwelling houses to all the factory and office workers. The peasants live in modern houses built at state expense for them. The house rent paid by the workers and office employees accounts for no more than 0.3 per cent of their living cost. The total rent, charges for electricity, water and fuel put together, is only 3 per cent of the living expense.

The ten-year senior middle school education is being made compulsory in our country. All our pupils and students, from primary school children to university students, are receiving free education. The students of institutions of higher learning and higher specialized schools are granted even state scholarships. And the preschool children are happily growing up in nurseries and kindergartens at state and public expenses.

Universal free medical care has also been introduced and the advanced line of preventive medicine implemented in our country. All the working people are free from wor-

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Working people enjoying a good time during vacation in Mt. Kumgang-san, a world-renowned beauty spot

"Long Live the Great Juche Idea of Comrade KIM IL SUNG"

Works of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung are widely published in many countries of the world

The great revolutionary leader Comrade Kim Il Sung originated the immortal Juche idea and brilliantly embodied it in all fields of the revolution and construction. Thus he has not only led the Korean revolution along the straight road to victory but also made a distinguished contribution to the international communist movement and the development of the general world revolution.

That is why today many friends and revolutionary peoples of the world express their feelings of infinite reverence for and trust in the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, founder of the great Juche idea, and speak highly of him in these terms: "A prominent Marxist-Leninist of the present time and the greatest thinker born of mankind", "one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist movement and working-class movement" and "the hero of the 20th century".

"The Juche Idea Is the Undying Beacon That Has Opened a New Era in the History of Mankind"

"The Juche idea has become a Marxist-Leninist guideline for all revolutionaries and the name of President Kim Il Sung who is the father of the Juche idea and has put it into effect, together with the names of Marx and Lenin, will live long in history." (Gétome Liard, a French teacher.)

"The Juche idea is the undying beacon that has opened a new era in the history of mankind. It is the greatest philosophy of our time that illustrates all the truths and it is the undiminished beacon that clearly indicates the path ahead of the world revolution." (A public figure of Mali.)

"The Juche doctrine is a thought and a theoretical system that His Excellency great President Kim Il Sung fathered and developed by creatively applying Marxism-Leninism to the revolution and construction of Korea. However, it is of universal validity and world-historic importance in a new stage of world history. It can be explained by the fact that the Juche doctrine initiated by His Excellency great President Kim Il Sung is a Marxism-Leninism, firstly, in the era when the revolution aiming at destroying the moribund imperialism is being wrought in many countries, and secondly, in the era when the building of socialism is under way and the building of communist society is now to the fore.

"The Juche idea gives scientific, comprehensive and correct answers to these two fundamental problems of the contemporary world revolution for the first time in history.

"In other words, firstly, it has confirmed the truth for the first time that 'the master of the revolution in each country is its people and secondly, it is a Marxist-Leninist systematization and formulation of the theory: 'Man is the master of everything and decides everything', that is to say, man is valued and primary importance is given to the internal factors." (Yasunobu Kuriki, Senshu University of Japan.)

"By initiating the great Juche idea President Kim Il Sung developed the dialectical and historical materialism to a new, higher stage. This is of great historic importance in the development of philosophy. His unique Juche idea and philosophy are the revolutionary thinking that all revolutionaries must take as the only guideline for action." (Former professor Uemura of Tokyo University.)

"President Kim Il Sung's revolutionary thinking and theory are the idea and theory of highest stage in the development of Marxism-Leninism and human thought.

"It is a great contemporary thought which marks a turning-point in the revolutionary struggle of the exploited and oppressed people of the world and in the building of socialism and communism. Therefore, the people of the whole world regard President Kim Il Sung's great revolutionary thinking and theory as the beacon of hope and the textbook of struggle." (Burmese paper **Guardian.**)

"With the lapse of time Comrade Kim Il Sung's theory and thought are creating greater sensation and he is acquiring an increasing dignity and prestige from the embattled people. Why? The reason is that the only thought, Comrade Kim Il Sung's great Juche idea furnishes the key for the solution of all problems arising in our age.

"The Juche idea plays an encyclopedic and almighty role in all fields of economic construction, national defence, literature and arts." (Jualial Tarabai, an Iraqi lawyer.)

"The Juche idea originated by President Kim Il Sung sheds bright light all over the world beyond the boundary of Korea. The revolutionaries and revolutionary peoples of the world who are making vigorous advance in the anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle are all imbued with the Juche idea. Today the Juche idea has become the trend of thought in our time. His Juche idea is consistent with the correct line and strategy and tactics for the revolutionary struggle and serves as the guiding principle in the work of the revolutionaries and the Marxist-Leninists at the present time. It gives them a theoretical weapon and inspires them with confidence in victory in their revolutionary struggle." (Apronio Kalwallo in Brazil)

"Indeed, the great revolutionary ideas and theories of the esteemed Comrade President represent the undying revolutionary thought with which he has led the Korean revolution to victory, riding out the grave situation. It is the source and abundant asset that instil invincible strength, courage, conviction, revolutionary enthusiasm and wisdom in the minds of the revolutionary peoples of the whole world who are fighting for national independence and liberation and for the victory of socialism and communism. It is the great thought that has tolled the knell for imperialism in the 20th century as the 'Communist Manifesto' did for capitalism in the 19th century." (From the letter of the members of the "Study Group of the Juche Idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung" of the Committee for Liberation of Sao Tome and Principe addressed to the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung)

"The Juche idea has outgrown the bounds of Korea and swelled into the main trend of our time. It is making the way with an increasing impact into the hearts of the world's people as the time flows, demonstrating its validity, greatness and undying vitality....

"With deep reverence we express our best wishes that great Comrade Kim Il Sung, a brilliant leader, our respectful teacher, will enjoy a long life in good health for the final victory of the Korean revolution and the world revolution.

"Long live the great Juche idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung!" (Mahhad Akash, Editor-in-Chief of the Syrian paper **Cultural News.**)

"The Name of President KIM IL SUNG Will Shine Forever in World History"

"History is created by the masses of the people. But, whether or not they win the inevitable triumph of history at the earliest possible date along the absolutely correct path wholly depends on whether or not they have an outstanding leader in their revolution and construction. The history of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea proves this truth. President Kim Il Sung is a great leader." (Shinkei Kiyan, Member of the House of Councilors, Japan.)

"...Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, is the greatest socialist theoretician and practician of the present times and the most distinguished leader of the world revolution.

"Indeed, he is a man of noble character; he is affectionate to people and a source of inspiration. Never before in the history of mankind has there been such a great man as Comrade Kim Il Sung who implants great faith in the future in the people's minds. He is the most excellent and competent statesman endowed with the most seasoned, noble character, the most outstanding revolutionary and military commander. He is one of the most brilliant thinkers. History has never produced such a great man of perfection as him. He is not only a hero of the century but the peerless hero...

"He is a great leader, rare indeed in the history of mankind. His influence, outgrowing the bounds of a single country, extends to all parts of the world. It is not limited to a definite period but will be everlasting." (P. L. Lakhanpal, Chairman of All-India Democratic Party, Editor-in-Chief of the Indian daily **Evening View.**)

"We know many geniuses, heroes and great men who dedicated their all to the socialist revolution, but President Kim Il Sung is the most distinguished man among them and his name will shine for ever in world history." (A Japanese philosopher.)

"Indeed, President Kim Il Sung is a sun that sheds bright lights on the avenue to socialism and communism, smashing all the antiquated in the crucible of class struggle between revolutionary and counter-revolutionary forces in the age of tempest and struggle when the powerful tides of revolution are surging like a flood. He is a beacon that throws lights and strikes courage and faith into the hearts of the people living in darkness and sorrow.

"The red sun is emitting bright lights not only on the Korean peninsula but on all parts of the world". (The Syrian daily **Al Saura.**)

"President Kim Il Sung is the intelligent and judicious leader of the Korean people and the only great leader who has been devoting himself to the struggle for the country and the people from his early years.

"He is, indeed, the outstanding leader who is with the people and is the great leader and the illustrious sun of the nation who fully represents the aspiration of the Korean people.

"There are many leaders in the world, but I do not know yet a leader like Marshal Kim Il Sung who is always among the people.

"Marshal Kim Il Sung is, indeed, the only prominent leader deeply respected by the world people." (an Arabian named Abdel Mari Rahman)

"Marshal Kim Il Sung is well known to the world people. He is the greatest leader of our era who leads the world revolution." (Harangduen, a resident in West Germany)

"Marshal Kim Il Sung is the hero of the 20th century produced by mankind and a great leader of the revolution." (a public figure in Mali)

"Today the world people revere and trust the respected and beloved leader President Kim Il Sung boundlessly.

"He is a great leader who brightly lights up the path ahead of the Korean revolution and the world revolution. He is a fatherly leader who dedicates everything to the freedom and happiness of the people.

"We wish that the leader will enjoy good health and a long life to continue to lead the Korean revolution and the world revolution." (a Colombian named Belasques Ricardo)

Oh, Great Marshal KIM IL SUNG!

Kazuo Nagasaka (Japan)

Oh, great Marshal Kim Il Sung!
You rose in Mangyongdae as the sun of Korea,
Dispelling the dark clouds hanging low,
When even the mountains and rivers of the homeland
were groaning under the tyrannical rule of Japanese imperialism,
And when everyone was yearning after the sunshine,
beating his breast once and again.

Oh, great Marshal Kim Il Sung!
You went up to the peaks of Mt. Paekdu-san
covered with never-ending thick forests
And, lighting the beacon flares to win back the fatherland,
You forced your way through the sea of fire, the sea of blood.

Oh, great Marshal Kim Il Sung!
You led the 15 years of anti-Japanese armed struggle
Hewing the untrodden thorny path of revolution,
And, kindling the emotion of your men with a bowl of parched-rice powder,
You covered thousands of miles against snowstorm
And brought the day of liberation to this land.

Oh, great Marshal Kim Il Sung!
You called the people to a decisive battle for victory in the war,
When the US imperialists who had landed in the southern half of the liberated country
Started invasion, the whole land being engulfed in flame
And you put the US imperialists on the downward road of ruin
For the first time in their history,
Seizing them by the scruff of the neck.

Oh, great Marshal Kim Il Sung!
You opened the age of Chollima in this land.
Korea is a country of miracle which rose on the war debris,
A country where molten iron flows out of blast furnaces chanting the song of creation
And a country where silvery roofs glisten high above.

Oh, great Marshal Kim Il Sung!
You presented the Theses, a communist programme of rural construction in this land,
A land where the green fields of co-op farms brim over with limpid water,
Thousands upon thousands of irrigation channels stretch out endlessly
And tractors move on, now ahead and now behind.

Oh, great Marshal Kim Il Sung!
You set up the best socialist system in the world.
Korea is a country for children, a country where children are "kings".
The magnificent Students and Children's Palace is a paradise the world people dreamed of.
Kim Il Sung University is a symbol of the superiority of the education system.
In this country the Red flower of culture is in full blossom.

Oh, great Marshal Kim Il Sung!
You are the brilliant leader of the Korean people
And the sun of the revolution,
Who shine over the world by your great example
That ushered in a new epoch.
Hero Korea advances under the banner of the Workers' Party,
In the spirit of independence exciting the envy of all,
Along the path of self-support all follow,
And with the power of self-defence terrifying the enemy.

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ries of medical treatment. There are medical institutions and medical workers in all places where the people work and live. Medical establishments for the population rapidly grow in scope and number year by year. Notably, the work of developing clinics in farm villages into hospitals is nearing completion. All the inhabitants get better medical services than before, whether they live in towns or the countryside. At present the average life span of the people is nearly 30 years longer than in the pre-liberation years (Our country was liberated on August 15, 1945).

Popular measures for promotion of the well-being of the working people are employed one after another as the production grows and as the socialist system is consolidated.

The tax system, a hangover of the old society, has recently been abolished in our country. This event of historical importance enabled our people to live in the first tax-free country in the world.

Also, the prices of manufactured goods have been cut down by a wide margin—30 per cent on an average, 50 per cent at the maximum.

The state has taken such measures to improve the living standards of the people. As a result, the additional benefits given by the state is greater than the share they get according to work performed, and the real income of the working people increases steadily.

This year the real wages of the factory and office workers will grow 1.5 times and the real income of the peasants 1.6 times as against 1970.

Our people enjoy a really worthwhile and affluent life under the most excellent socialist system established by the great leader. A happy life is in full bloom on this beautiful land of ours.

Therefore, our people cherish deep in their hearts the pride and honour of living under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation, who built a socialist paradise on this land, looking upon him as their fatherly leader, and they are performing their assigned tasks with all their wisdom and energy to make this grateful socialist system more brilliant than ever.

Li Chan Sun

A scene of the Scientific Seminar on the Juche Idea of Middle, Near East and African Region

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